

Quick Overview:

Students will learn:

- Each person has great value to God.
 - The purpose for every follower of Jesus is to be used by God and to be a Godly influence in the lives of others.
 - God has given his children gifts to help others to see that he exists and he wants them to be a member of his family.
 - We are to trust and obey God even when we don't understand our circumstances.
1. Introduce “What we believe...We have a purpose! We were placed on earth to serve God.” and the Bible verse--1 Peter 4:10
 2. Discuss, “What is a talent and a spiritual gift?”
 3. Watch video of “*Tabitha*”.
 4. Discussion Questions
 5. Watch video, “Why serve others?”
 6. Pray

What we believe...

We have a purpose! We were placed on this earth to serve and glorify God.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.



God created you and me. He knows every little detail about us. He knows how many hairs we have on our heads. [Matthew 10:30](#) He knows what we like and what we don't like. He made each one unique and there is no one created exactly like us in the whole world.

We live in a world that sometimes makes us think that we aren't special because we are not popular, pretty, athletic, or as smart as others. *Our value to God isn't based on any of those things. He loves us because He created us and placed us in this world for a purpose. His purpose for placing each one of us on this earth is to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever. We glorify God when we live a life that pleases Him and points others to Him. When we live that kind of life we will enjoy God and all the blessings that come from Him.*

Because God's purpose is for each of us to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever, *He has given us gifts that we can use to help others see that God exists and wants them to be a part of His family too.*

What is a talent and what is a spiritual gift?

	Talent	Spiritual Gift
From God	Genetics/Training	Given once you believe in Jesus Christ
Who Gets it?	Everybody	Believers of Jesus Christ
Purpose	Glorify God	Glorify God and build his kingdom
When do you get it?	At birth	At new birth in Jesus Christ



Tabitha

Acts 9:36-42



Acts 9:36-42 New International Version (NIV)

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the difference between a talent and a spiritual gift?
2. Is one spiritual gift more important than others?
3. Can we have more than one spiritual gift?
4. How can God use you in your circumstances to be a positive influence?

(Video)

Why serve others?

